

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15, 17-22, and 24 are pending. Claims 9, 14, 16, 23, and 25 are canceled. Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15, 17-22, and 24 are amended to address informalities and to remove multiple dependencies. Support for the above-noted amendments is self-evident. No new matter is added.

In view of the above-noted amendments, the present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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